

MERCANTILE AND MONEY ARTICLE.
Saturday Evening.

Brandy	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	\$34 12 0
Gin	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	5 2 10
Whisky	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1 17 5
Rum	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	\$04 17 0
Wine	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	45 18 0
Ale, porter, and beer (in wood)	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	31 5 0
Tobacco and snuff	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	158 13 0
Cheese	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	75 5 3
Onions	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	\$14 9 9
Sugar, unrefined	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	150 0 0
Pistachos	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	16 16 4
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Total				\$1047 17 3

The arrivals to-day have been the Quito, from London, with a cargo of general merchandise, and the Malakoff, from Cardiff, with a cargo of coals for the Peninsular and Oriental Company.

A meeting has been convened for Monday afternoon next (this day) at the Exchange, for the purpose of taking steps to present Mr. Ledger with a testimonial for his services in introducing a flock of alpacas into this colony. It may be remembered that attempts were made by the company to purchase the flock having failed, the Government, with the consent of the Legislature, purchased the animals in April last for the sum of £15,000, which amount was accepted under composition, by the agent of the firm who had provided Mr. Ledger with the means of carrying on his enterprise when his own resources failed. Before that assistance was rendered, Mr. Ledger had exhausted the whole of his own fortune, amounting to £7000, and had not one penny of the £15,000 accrued to him. He was completely ruined by the adventure. Mr. Ledger has memorialised the Government on behalf of his moral claim, for the sum he has expended on an object to the prosecution of which he was urged by strong assurances of remuneration from the Government, and also from some of the leading mercantile firms in Sydney six years ago. His claim has been refused by the present Government, on the ground that they considered the question settled by their predecessors in office. As Mr. LEDGER's personal interests would be sacrificed by remaining in this colony, he has tendered his

resignation is superintendent of alpacas, and will, in a month or two after the animals have been located in the Manero districts, start for Lima, Peru; and, as Mr. Ledger has already been named over with Mr. Manero, he has refused to remain with the flock after his departure. On this ground alone it is considered very desirable that either by the Government or by private liberality such a sum should be raised as should induce Mr. Ledger to remain in the colony with his men and superintend the rearing of the flock, as well as should at the same time satisfy the just claim which Mr. Ledger has upon the community on account of the important enterprise he has so successfully conducted. It is also stated that no doubt will be made at the meeting as to the steps which it is proposed to take. It is desirable that the meeting should be attended by all who take an interest in this new and promising addition to our colonial resources.

The serious collision between the two steamers Williams and Paterson, belonging to the Hunter River New Steam Navigation Company, has

engrossed public attention to-day. The amount of the damage done, and the cost of the repairs to the company, have not as yet been ascertained, but will, of course, be considerable. As a consequence, the accident the shares of this Company (which were sold during the week) par) have declined in price, but as yet no sales have been effected. There is, of course, a greater demand for the shares of the Australian Steam Navigation Company, and holders are not disposed to sell except at an advance of £1 per share on last rates.

From the *Age* of the 21st November we take the following report of the Melbourne markets:

Gold Bullion has been coming in freely, and the demand has hardly kept up with the supply, but, however, show any material decline. Rupee is still quoted as steady, but the market is somewhat depressed on account of the season advances. Rotted stock of approved brands is selling at a heavy discount, and the market for wheat is somewhat heavy. The price of wheat has again been thrown into confusion by the news that the Government have decided to sell wheat at a fixed price, and holders are now inclined to quit under 11s. Last week, before the news arrived of improvement in the market, the price of wheat was 11s 6d, and was made at 10s. 6d to 10s. 8d, but prices immediately hardened, and the market is now apparently likely that the present rates will be maintained. Generals.

Other spirits are neglected.

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wood, the trees are usually small; the specimens here grown in the open are much larger than those in the shade, and are more robust. Crinoid stalks, and some articles of the lake nature, have been collected, and some commercial large quantities of fish are very firm in their prices, expecting that are long as an value. The fish are placed on ships for export to the coast.

To-bacco.—The demand for twist still exists at paying prices, and there are many inquiries for export to the adjacent colonies. The quality of the tobacco is not so good as it was some years ago, good qualities are wanted. Tea, which does not seem so much to be wanted, is still in demand, and is sold at a price of 10s. per lb. from 1d to 5d per pound net. Steepwheat is in heavy demand, and is sold at 5d to 6d, according to description, manufactured or in the leaf.

Timber.—The stock of deals and square timber is very large, and the prices are low. The demand for square timber is to submit to lower prices than round three months since, owing to the large quantities of square timber being imported. The prices of 9 x 3 Baltic deals at 2d; timber at 2d to 3s 10d; 1000; 4000; 6000; 8000; and 10000; 12000; 14000; 16000; 18000; 20000; 22000; 24000; 26000; 28000; 30000; 32000; 34000; 36000; 38000; 40000; 42000; 44000; 46000; 48000; 50000; 52000; 54000; 56000; 58000; 60000; 62000; 64000; 66000; 68000; 70000; 72000; 74000; 76000; 78000; 80000; 82000; 84000; 86000; 88000; 90000; 92000; 94000; 96000; 98000; 100000; 102000; 104000; 106000; 108000; 110000; 112000; 114000; 116000; 118000; 120000; 122000; 124000; 126000; 128000; 130000; 132000; 134000; 136000; 138000; 140000; 142000; 144000; 146000; 148000; 150000; 152000; 154000; 156000; 158000; 160000; 162000; 164000; 166000; 168000; 170000; 172000; 174000; 176000; 178000; 180000; 182000; 184000; 186000; 188000; 190000; 192000; 194000; 196000; 198000; 200000; 202000; 204000; 206000; 208000; 210000; 212000; 214000; 216000; 218000; 220000; 222000; 224000; 226000; 228000; 230000; 232000; 234000; 236000; 238000; 240000; 242000; 244000; 246000; 248000; 250000; 252000; 254000; 256000; 258000; 260000; 262000; 264000; 266000; 268000; 270000; 272000; 274000; 276000; 278000; 280000; 282000; 284000; 286000; 288000; 290000; 292000; 294000; 296000; 298000; 300000; 302000; 304000; 306000; 308000; 310000; 312000; 314000; 316000; 318000; 320000; 322000; 324000; 326000; 328000; 330000; 332000; 334000; 336000; 338000; 340000; 342000; 344000; 346000; 348000; 350000; 352000; 354000; 356000; 358000; 360000; 362000; 364000; 366000; 368000; 370000; 372000; 374000; 376000; 378000; 380000; 382000; 384000; 386000; 388000; 390000; 392000; 394000; 396000; 398000; 400000; 402000; 404000; 406000; 408000; 410000; 412000; 414000; 416000; 418000; 420000; 422000; 424000; 426000; 428000; 430000; 432000; 434000; 436000; 438000; 440000; 442000; 444000; 446000; 448000; 450000; 452000; 454000; 456000; 458000; 460000; 462000; 464000; 466000; 468000; 470000; 472000; 474000; 476000; 478000; 480000; 482000; 484000; 486000; 488000; 490000; 492000; 494000; 496000; 498000; 500000; 502000; 504000; 506000; 508000; 510000; 512000; 514000; 516000; 518000; 520000; 522000; 524000; 526000; 528000; 530000; 532000; 534000; 536000; 538000; 540000; 542000; 544000; 546000; 548000; 550000; 552000; 554000; 556000; 558000; 560000; 562000; 564000; 566000; 568000; 570000; 572000; 574000; 576000; 578000; 580000; 582000; 584000; 586000; 588000; 590000; 592000; 594000; 596000; 598000; 600000; 602000; 604000; 606000; 608000; 610000; 612000; 614000; 616000; 618000; 620000; 622000; 624000; 626000; 628000; 630000; 632000; 634000; 636000; 638000; 640000; 642000; 644000; 646000; 648000; 650000; 652000; 654000; 656000; 658000; 660000; 662000; 664000; 666000; 668000; 670000; 672000; 674000; 676000; 678000; 680000; 682000; 684000; 686000; 688000; 690000; 692000; 694000; 696000; 698000; 700000; 702000; 704000; 706000; 708000; 710000; 712000; 714000; 716000; 718000; 720000; 722000; 724000; 726000; 728000; 730000; 732000; 734000; 736000; 738000; 740000; 742000; 744000; 746000; 748000; 750000; 752000; 754000; 756000; 758000; 760000; 762000; 764000; 766000; 768000; 770000; 772000; 774000; 776000; 778000; 780000; 782000; 784000; 786000; 788000; 790000; 792000; 794000; 796000; 798000; 800000; 802000; 804000; 806000; 808000; 810000; 812000; 814000; 816000; 818000; 820000; 822000; 824000; 826000; 828000; 830000; 832000; 834000; 836000; 838000; 840000; 842000; 844000; 846000; 848000; 850000; 852000; 854000; 856000; 858000; 860000; 862000; 864000; 866000; 868000; 870000; 872000; 874000; 876000; 878000; 880000; 882000; 884000; 886000; 888000; 890000; 892000; 894000; 896000; 898000; 900000; 902000; 904000; 906000; 908000; 910000; 912000; 914000; 916000; 918000; 920000; 922000; 924000; 926000; 928000; 930000; 932000; 934000; 936000; 938000; 940000; 942000; 944000; 946000; 948000; 950000; 952000; 954000; 956000; 958000; 960000; 962000; 964000; 96

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